

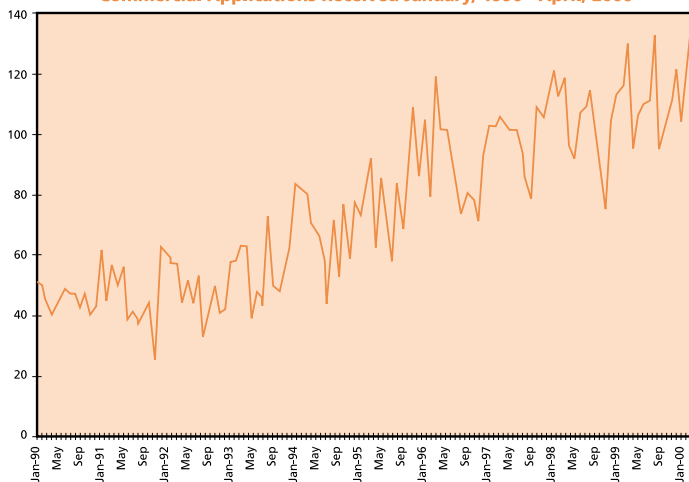


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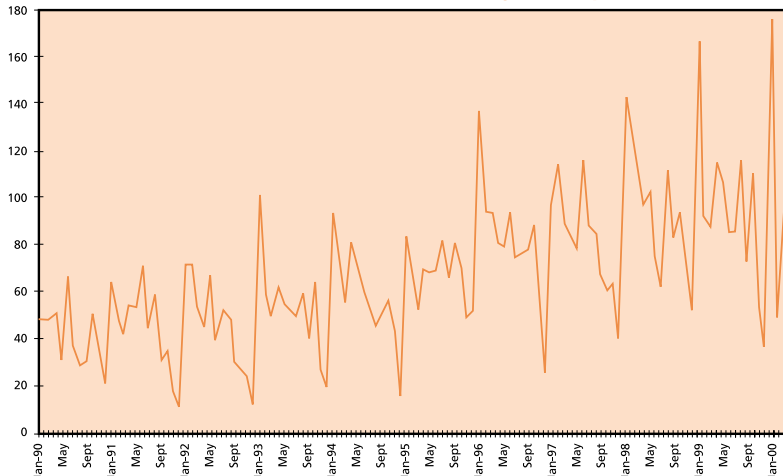
By: Charles G. Marceaux
Executive Director

Many years ago, a businessman I knew told me the secret to his success in competitive markets. He said that when business was down, he would tell everyone how busy he was and how great the profits were. When business was booming, he would tell them how lousy business was and how low his profit margin was. Well, the following statistics will give you some degree of factual information regarding the state of the construction industry in Louisiana.

Commercial Applications Received January, 1990 - April, 2000



New Commercial Licenses Issued January, 1990 - April, 2000



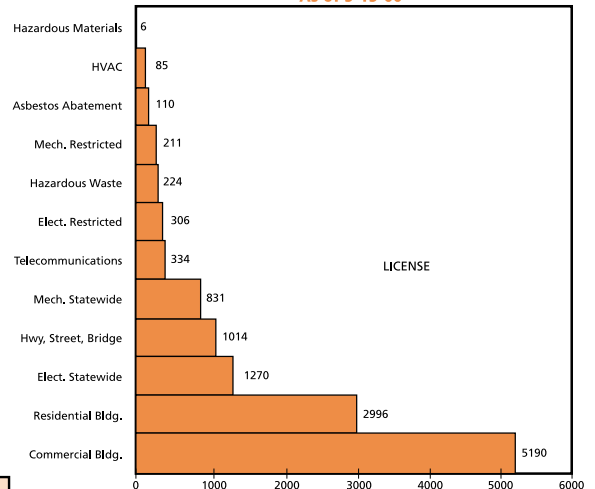
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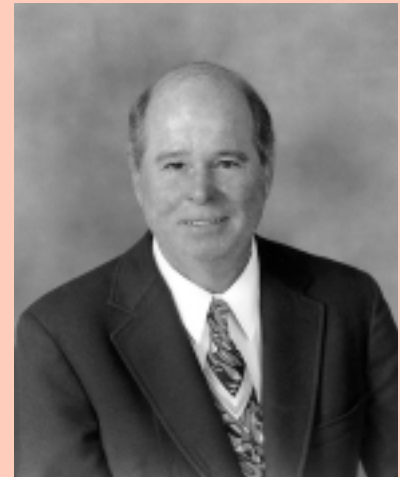
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Residential Committee Appointments



Governor Mike Foster has appointed two additional Residential Committee members - Susan Pellegrin of Susan R. Pellegrin Homebuilders, Inc., Houma (Third Congressional District) and Richard M. Darling, Jr. of Darling and Laws Construction, Harvey (First and Sixth Congressional Districts). Patrick L. Colvin, Ronald J. Perrin, and Johnny Reeves also serve on the Residential Committee.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the recently completed office of the Licensing Board for Contractors was held on April 19, 2000. The Board's new facility was built with funds used from the sale of its previous office at 7434 Perkins Road, which was purchased in 1979 for \$800,000. From 1979 until 1995, sections of the building were rented to the environmental section of the Attorney General's office and later the Ethics Commission. That office was sold in July 1998 for \$1.2 million. The Board's new \$2 million facility located at 2525 Quail Drive provides increased parking space, combined commercial and residential applications operations, larger examination facilities, centralized administrative departments, and a larger public assembly area for administrative hearings.



Ribbon cutting: Hearing Officer Judge Lewis Doherty, Board members Courtney Fenet, Richard Darling, Vic Weston, Gibson Chigbu, Administrator Joy Evans, Chairman Byron Talbot, Executive Director Charles Marceaux, and Board members Ronny Graham, Jimmy Bulliard, Brent Ferguson, and David Gallo.

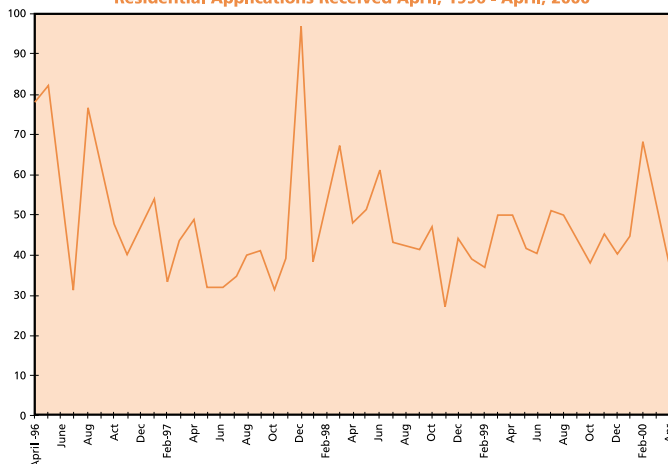


Licensing Board staff.

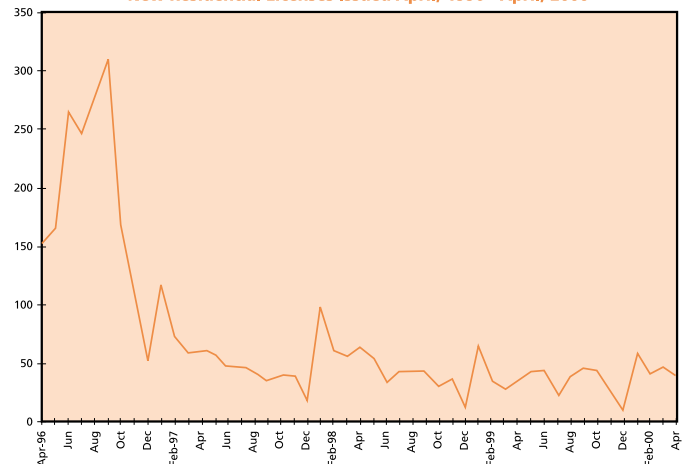
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Residential Applications Received April, 1996 - April, 2000



New Residential Licenses Issued April, 1996 - April, 2000



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RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS

There are approximately 3000 licensed residential contractors. Over the past twelve months, 527 applications have been received and 464 licenses have been issued. The residential applications section is managed by Bertha Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins is assisted by Rosemary McCullough who also handles worker's compensation and general liability insurance matters as well as continuing education. Applications are processed by Paula Dixon and Elaine Riggins.



Left to Right - Elaine Riggins, Rosemary McCullough, Paula Dixon, Bertha Jenkins

RESIDENTIAL COMPLIANCE



Left to Right - Outgoing Residential Investigations Supervisor Charles Causey, Sr., Sheila Slaton, Lance Britton, Mark Williamson

The supervisor of the residential compliance section is Mark Williamson. Field staff includes investigators Kim Hebert covering the southwestern part of the state, Lance Britton from Alexandria north, and Brent Templet in southeastern Louisiana. Sheila Slaton handles administrative support functions. During the previous year, a monthly average of 43 complaints were received. One hundred twenty-six files were processed and closed. There are approximately 400 active case files.

Disciplinary Actions of State Licensing Board

February 2000

Residential

Mason Development Corporation, Inc.

Haughton, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor for constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found not guilty.

Mason Development Corporation, Inc.

Haughton, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in the amount of \$50,000 or more.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Medallion Homes, Inc.

Bossier City, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

March 2000

Commercial

Renovar Energy Corporation

Midland, Texas

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found not guilty.

Renovar Shreveport, L. L. C.

Midland, Texas

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found not guilty.

The City of Shreveport

Shreveport, Louisiana

Allegation: Awarding a contract to an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found not guilty.

Westfield Engineering & Services, Inc.

Houston, Texas

Allegation: Entering into contract with two unlicensed contractors to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found not guilty.

Organic Waste Technologies, Inc.

Monroeville, Pennsylvania

Allegation: Submitting a bid to an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000 and doing business in a name other than the name in which they are licensed.

Action: Found guilty of doing business in a name other than the name in which they are licensed.

Emcon/OWT

Monroeville, Pennsylvania

Allegation: Submitting a bid to an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000 and doing business in a name other than the name in which they are licensed.

Action: Found not guilty.

OWT

Monroeville, Pennsylvania

Allegation: Submitting a bid to an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000 and doing business in a name other than the name in which they are licensed.

Action: Found not guilty.

Renovar Energy Corporation

Midland, Texas

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found not guilty.

Residential

DeJean, Shawn

Opelousas, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

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Disciplinary Actions of State Licensing Board

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Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

John Davidson Builders, Inc.

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Watco Painting, Inc.

Walker, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to construct a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Davidson Brothers, Inc.

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Higgins, Dianna

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined.

St. Martin, Warren

LaPlace, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and cease and desist order issued.

Permenter Construction

Mansfield, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Guilty plea. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Seville Construction Company

Metairie, Louisiana

Allegation: Committing dishonest and/or fraudulent acts as a contractor.

Action: Found guilty. License revoked, fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

April 2000

Commercial

Parkland Construction Company, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Morris Lamana and/or Morris Transmission

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Residential

Wizkill, Inc.

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended and fined.

Terrell, James

Moss Bluff, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Landry, Larry J. Carpentry

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to construct multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

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Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and placed on probation for six (6) months.

Terrell, Tony

Moss Bluff, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Buller Construction

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to construct a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and placed on probation for six (6) months.

Dixon, Barbara

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Found guilty. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Kent, Norma Jean

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Found guilty. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Acadian Developers, Inc.

Arabi, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Prime, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Lemieux, David M. Construction, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to construct a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and placed on probation for six (6) months.

L & L Cage Contractor, Inc.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Brown, Shelley, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Experiencing problems relating to its ability to engage in the business of contracting.

Action: License surrendered.

Brown, Shelley, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential building license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Diversified Tech, L. L. C.

Slidell, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

R & C Industries, Inc.

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

NASCLA National Association of State Contractor's Licensing Agencies

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